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DEPT PASS ERDA FOR GILLER

E. O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: PHYSICAL SECURITY DISCUSSIONS

1. ERDA TEAM MET WITH AMBASSADOR GOULD AND ECONOMIC ADVISOR (SCIENTIFIC). AMBASSADOR MOST INTERESTED IN ATOMIC ENERGY MATTERS, PARTICULARLY IN MISSION OF TEAM. HE PREPARED STUDY OF CIVILIAN ATOMIC ENERGY PROGRAM OF GON AND REQUESTED GUIDANCE.

2. GON OFFICIALS REPRESENTING SIX (6) MINISTRIES (INDUSTRY, SOCIAL AFFAIRS, PUBLIC HEALTH, FOREIGN AFFAIRS, JUSTICE AND INTERIOR) EXPLAINED IN DETAIL ATOMIC ENERGY PROGRAM, ATTITUDE TOWARD TERRORISM, AND MEASURES TAKEN TO IMPROVE PHYSICAL PROTECTION AT NUCLEAR FACILITIES AND MATERIAL IN TRANSIT. SPECIFIC SECURITY REGULATIONS HAVE BEEN DRAFTED PATTERNED AFTER IAEA GREY BOOK. ISSUANCE AWAITS STUDY OF RECENT UPGRADING ACTION TAKEN BY SECURITY EXPERTS AT IAEA CONFERENCE. TERRORIST ACTIVITY IN NETHERLANDS AND MOST RECENT INCIDENT IN STOCKHOLM WERE RECOGNIZED BY ALL OFFICIALS OF NEED FOR BEST POSSIBLE PROTECTION OF MATERIAL AND FACILITIES.

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3. ERDA TEAM WAS BRIEFED BY TECHNICAL DIRECTOR, RCN, AND DIRECTOR EURATOM, PETTEN NUCLEAR RESEARCH CENTER. FACILITY IS LOCATED IN ISOLATED AREA ON COAST OF NORTH SEA. CONSTRUCTION OF HFR STARTED IN 1956 AND CRITICAL IN 1961. FUEL IN HEU SUPPLIED UNDER AGREEMENT WITH US. SITE NOW HAS SOME 30 BUILDINGS WITH 750 RCN EMPLOYEES, 150 EURATOM AND ABOUT 50 PHILLIPS. ENTIRE SITE SURROUNDED BY BOUNDARY FENCE WITH MAIN GATE CONTROLLED BY RCN GUARDS (UNARMED). STORAGE AREA FOR HEU MEETS VAULT CONDITIONS. STEEL DOOR-COMBINATION AND KEY REQUIRES TWO-MAN OPERATION AND OUTDOOR COVERING IS ALARMED. VAULT OPENING IS ALSO UNDER CCTV SURVEILLANCE. RESPONSE TO ALARM OR ANY ON-SITE INCIDENT IS DEPENDENT UPON FEDERAL POLICE (ARMED). DETECTION/RESPONSE TIME IS REASONABLE.

4. UPGRADING ACTIONS AT PETTEN INCLUDE PRIMARILY ON-SITE TELEPHONE AND RADIO COMMUNICATION. UPON REQUEST, ERDA TEAM SUGGEST IMPROVED BARRIERS INTO BUILDING WHERE VAULT IS LOCATED.

5. TRANSPORTATION OF MATERIAL WITHIN NETHERLANDS IS BY COMMERCIAL VAN UNDER NETHERLANDS LICENSED CONDITIONS AND FEDERAL POLICE ESCORT WITHIN NETHERLANDS. RESPONSE FORCE INCLUDES MILITARY AS WELL AS FEDERAL POLICE. ERDA TEAM SATISFIED PROTECTION OF HEU AT PETTEN IS ADEQUATE. TRANSPORTATION WITHIN NETHERLANDS APPEARS SATISFACTORY.

6. EURATOM STILL WORKING ON UNIFORM ARRANGEMENTS FOR PROTECTION OF TRANSPORT BETWEEN MEMBER STATES.

7. BOTH GON AND PETTEN OFFICIALS INDICATED URGENCY OF FRESH MATERIAL FOR HFR.
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